

EDITORIAL

The *Scandinavian Journal of Disability Research* has a new editorial team. After six years as editor, John Eriksen is retiring. Bill Hughes and Janikke Solstad Vedeler will be joined by Halvor Hanisch, of Oslo University Hospital, and Jan Grue, of the University of Oslo. The four of us, along with the Nordic Network on Disability Research, thank John for his great work for the journal. As editor, John has been particularly attentive to young scholars' work, thoroughly reviewing and encouraging their work, thereby facilitating the growth and expansion of disability research in Scandinavia.

The journal is currently doing well both in terms of readership and submissions. We receive articles from academics from all over the world, which is as it should be. Although primarily based in Scandinavia, we aim at publishing the best disability research conducted anywhere and from a range of disciplines. The latter point is important. Disability must be approached from many different perspectives in order to be thoroughly comprehended. We particularly hope, in the years to come, to strengthen our emphasis on humanist scholarship. We would also like to encourage the submission of theory-oriented papers from all areas of disability research.

Another important topic for the journal is internationalisation. The twelfth biennial conference of the Nordic Network, recently conducted in Turku, Finland, was visited by delegates from every continent, confirming that the Nordic approach to disability research holds global relevance. We intend to develop the exchange of ideas, theories and empirical findings by making the *Scandinavian Journal* the preferred choice for publishing disability research. With the support of our publisher, Taylor & Francis, we have an excellent basis for reaching a worldwide readership both through direct library subscriptions and through research databases.

We want to fully exploit the opportunities that digital dissemination of articles provides. This means encouraging authors to consider their articles as missives to multiple readerships – not only scholars who actively defined themselves as being in disability studies, but also scholars who are interested in disability topics and issues for a variety of reasons. Disability research and disability studies are multidisciplinary fields of inquiry, a state of affairs that may be challenging in terms of institutional basis and stability, but which can prove very fruitful when it comes to the kind of research questions that can be posed and, hopefully, answered. We wish to keep the *Scandinavian Journal of Disability Research* at the forefront of these efforts.

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